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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Welcome to the second edition of MCL Notes! We are very excited about the response our new newsletter received and hope that you find this edition even more informative than the first. Don't forget to sign up for your email edition if you haven't already done so!

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Library Board of Trustees and the Library staff to express our thanks for all of the support we received during the recent budget process. It was very heartening to hear how important the library department is to so many of our users and we are very glad that we could maintain all library hours and services.

We experienced one of our busiest summers ever as we averaged over 1,000 visitors a day and checked out over 1,200 items per day between the Main building and our West branch. Having air conditioning in both buildings for the first time this summer was a very pleasant experience and allowed us to host many more summer programs and activities at the library.

Make sure you stop in this fall at either of our library locations to check out all the activities and the new materials available for you to enjoy. As you read through this newsletter you will see that library staff have great programs planned for the fall and we hope you will join us.

Denise van Zanten Interim Director

KICK- OFF FOR GET WISE! GET CARDED!

What do Mayor Guinta, Blitz, the mascot for the Manchester Wolves, and Library Trustees have in common? On Monday, October 2, 2006, this cast of characters



will be on hand to help the Manchester City Library and the West Manchester Community Library kick off our fall "Get

Wise! Get Carded!" campaign. The goal of this campaign is to get the word out to the community of Manchester about all the resources available to them through the Manchester libraries. To help accomplish this, the library will be represented this fall at the Kid's Day of Caring, The Memory Walk, and at many of the School Open Houses.

SOMETHING NEW WHEN YOU CHECK OUT MATERIALS

Beginning September 6, 2006, the Manchester City Library will no longer be putting date due cards in the items that you checkout at the circulation desk. We are transitioning to the use of Checkout Receipts, which will list everything that you presently have checked out on your library card. The Checkout Receipt will list the title of the item, the barcode of the item and the date that the item is due. We hope having the Checkout Receipt to post somewhere in your home will be helpful to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of the Circulation Staff. We will try our best to address any questions you might have.

NEW COMPUTER CLASSES

In addition to the six classes offered since January of 2006, the Manchester City Library will offer three new, more advanced computer classes. With a maximum of 8 students per class, the atmosphere is relaxed and there is the opportunity for one-on-one help. We offer classes in the mornings, afternoons, and evenings, to meet your schedule.

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These hands-on classes of $1 \frac{1}{2}$ to 2 hours duration are scheduled during the autumn and early winter of 2006:

- Introduction to the Computer, with Mouseaerobics!
- Introduction to the Internet
- Advanced Internet (New!)
- Using the Library's Online Catalog
- Using Online Databases for Research and Fun
- Microsoft Word: Level I
- Microsoft Word: Level II (New!)
- Microsoft Excel: Level I
- Microsoft Excel: Level II (New!)

Call the library at 624-6550 x319 to sign up for a class. You'll amaze your friends with your computer skills!

DOWNLOADABLE AUDIOBOOKS

On September 5th, 2006, the Manchester City Library is introducing an exciting new service—downloadable digital audiobooks. Visit the library's web page at www.manchester.lib.nh.us for a link to the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobooks page. There you will find a selection of bestselling fiction, nonfiction,

mysteries, romances, children's books, young adult books, and much more. You can download audiobooks to your home PC at any time, even when the library is closed. Once you have downloaded an audiobook, you can either listen to it at your PC or copy it to an MP3 player. You can also purchase an FM changer, which allows you to listen to your MP3 player in your car without using headphones. Some of the audiobooks can be burned to CD; this is indicated when you choose a book for download.

You can check out three audiobooks at a time. Most books circulate for 14 days, while some popular titles are restricted to 7 days. You cannot return a book early. "Returning" simply means that the license to use the book expires from your PC. If you want to use the book after it has been returned, you must check it out again to renew the license.

You can also request books that are currently checked out. When the book is available for you, you will receive email

indicating that you have 48 hours to download it. The Manchester City Library recommends that if you make requests, you only check out two books at time so that you can download the requested book when it becomes available for you. If you cannot download a requested book within 48 hours,

it is offered to the next person on the request list. There is a group of titles provided by Blackstone publishers that is always available for download.

Before you download your first book, you will need to install the free Overdrive Media Console software. Windows Media Player Version 9 or 10 must be installed on your PC. Finally, you must complete a one-time security update to Windows Media Player. Complete instructions and detailed online help is available by clicking on the Audio Software link located in the blue left navigation bar on the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobooks page.

Before purchasing an MP3 player, please visit the New Hampshire Downloadable Audiobooks page and click on the Supported Portable Audio Devices link. The audiobooks do not work on iPods. The Manchester City Library recommends that you purchase a device that stores at least 1 Gigabyte of data and that has a bookmarking function.

This new downloadable audiobook service is provided by the Manchester City Library, in conjunction with a large group of New Hampshire's public libraries, working with the New Hampshire State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

FALL LIBRARY CLOSINGS—

Monday, September 4th Monday, October 9th Tuesday, November 7th Friday, November 10th Thursday, November 23rd Labor Day Columbus Day Election Day Veteran's Day Thanksgiving Day

FALL PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Animal Rescue League of NH Educational Seminar

Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM Winchell Room

This program covers the topics of humane education, animal cruelty, dog obedience, adoption, general

shelter information, and volunteer information. Come meet some animals that are available for adoption! This free seminar is geared for preteens to adults, and is recommended for



ages 10 and up. Due to limited seating, **registration is required**. You can register online through the library calendar at www.manchester.lib.nh.us. For more information, contact Ruth at 624-6550 ext. 307.

How to Get the Most Out of Census Records

Monday, September 11, 2006 at 6:30 PM Auditorium

A lecture by Walter V. Hickey, Archives Specialist at the National Archives Northeast Regional Branch. Hickey will present an informative and entertaining lecture about the United States Federal Census records located at the Waltham, Massachusetts branch and at many libraries in New Hampshire. Census records are one of the most fascinating and useful tools for the genealogist and historian. For more information, contact Cynthia O'Neil at 624-6550 ext. 306.

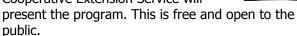
How Does Your Garden Grow? With Compost!

Fall Clean-up, Composting and Yard Waste Monday, September 18, 2006 at 7:00 PM Winchell Room

Need a way to get rid of all those leaves in the fall? Come learn how to compost them and produce superb organic matter that will enrich your garden.

Composting is a great way to handle yard waste such as leaves, grass, thatch, chipped brush, and plant

waste. You'll learn the biological processes involved in composting, how to use the proper combination of raw materials and pile size to compost efficiently, what styles of bins you can make or buy, and even how to purchase good compost if you decide not to make it yourself! Margaret Hagen of the UNH Cooperative Extension Service will



For more information, please contact Yvonne Loomis at 624-6550.

Before Peyton Place: In Search of the Real Grace Metalious

Thursday, September 21st at 6:30 PM Auditorium

A slide show and talk by Robert D. Perreault, a writer, lecturer, photographer, and instructor at St. Anselm College, who specializes in Manchester history and New England Franco-American culture.

Grace DeRepentigny Metalious was born in Manchester to working class Franco-American parents and knew poverty, abandonment, and discrimination.

Metalious rebelled and viewed the rejection of ethnic and religious traits as a means of achieving the American Dream. These traits are expressed in her novels *Peyton Place*, *Return to Peyton Place*, and her final novel, *No Adam in Eden*. This program is sponsored by the NH Humanities Council and is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Cynthia O'Neil at 624-6550 ext. 306.

NH Society of Genealogists Fall Meeting

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Saturday, October 7, 2006 MCL Auditorium

NHSOG Fall Meeting co-sponsored the Manchester City Library. The scheduled lectures are:

10:00 AM - "What You Need to Know Before You Go," presented by Janis P. Duffy,

Archivist at the Massachusetts State Archives in Dorchester and former president of TIARA, The Irish Ancestral Research Association.

11:15 AM - "Irish Resources at the Manchester City Library," presented by Cynthia N. O'Neil, CGSM, Recording Secretary of the NHSOG and librarian in the NH Room of the Manchester City Library.

1:15 PM - "Records in the Various Repositories in Ireland," presented by Mary Ellen Grogan, TIARA member, who has done extensive research in Ireland.

The conference is free and open to the public. Registration begins at 9:15 AM. For more information, visit the NHSOG website (www.nhsog.org) or contact Cynthia O'Neil at 624-6550 ext. 306.

Independent Film Night

Last Thursday of the Month at 6:00 PM Auditorium

The Library's Independent Film Night will begin on Thursday, September 28th with the Indian Film A Peck on the Cheek. This film, winner of six National Film Awards in India and at the Jerusalem Film Festival, is the story of a young girl, adopted at birth, who goes to war-torn Sri Lanka with her parents to find her birth mother. There she learns about the horrors of civil war. The Independent Film Night, which is free and open to the public, will be held the last Thursday of each month.

Book Discussion Group

2nd Thursday of the Month at 7:00 PM Hunt Room

The Manchester City Library Book Discussion Group will start its 2006-2007 season on September 14th at 7:00 PM with The Wisest Man in America by W. D. Wetherell. In this novel, two characters share the title role—Ferris, a New Hampshire lumberjack who has predicted the winners of 11 straight presidential primaries in NH, and Max, the newspaperman who made Ferris famous in his column. They look back on the events of the 20th century and how they relate to their own lives.

Members of the Manchester Book Discussion Group are invited to take part in New Hampshire Public Radio's on-air discussion of this book, which will take place September 29th at 9:00 AM at the New Hampshire Political Library in Concord. Copies of the book can be obtained at the Circulation Desk. (Continued on page 4)

If you love reading and like talking about what you've read, you're invited to join this casual group that meets the second Thursday of the month from September to May, excluding December. This is just for fun—it isn't English class, and there are no tests, grades, or wrong answers to anything. It's a chance to read something interesting, meet new people, and eat good cookies. For more information contact Sarah Basbas at 624-6550 ext. 601.

The schedule for the 2006-2007 Book Discussion Group is:

- September 14th The Wisest Man in America by W. D. Wetherell
- October 12th *Middlesex* by Jeffrey Eugenides
- November 9th Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain
- January 11th The World is Flat by Thomas L.
 Friedman
- February 8th My Sister's Keeper by Jodi Picoult
- March 8th Stolen Lives: Twenty Years in a Desert Jail by Malika Oufkir
- April 12th A Thread of Grace by Mary Russell
- May 10th *Icarus Girl* by Helen Oyeyemi

FEATURED DATABASE — EBSCO CONSUMER HEALTH COMPLETE

The New Hampshire State Library purchases a set of EBSCO databases for all public library users. Manchester City Library cardholders can access these databases through the library's web page, www.manchester.lib.nh.us. To access EBSCO Consumer Health Complete, first click on the Online Databases link located in the blue navigation bar on the left side of the page. Next, click on EBSCO, and enter all 14 digits of your library card number, with no spaces. Finally, click on Consumer Health Complete.

Consumer Health Complete is designed to support the relationship between the reader and his/her physician, not to replace that relationship. It provides easy-to-understand health pamphlets, prescription and non-prescription drug information, alternative health resources, medical images and diagrams, and health information in Spanish.

Consumer Health Complete allows you to search for information on your health topic. It also provides the full text of popular health information books like the Mayo Clinic Family Health Book and the AMA Complete Medical Encyclopedia. It supplies high-quality health information that is not available on the general Internet through a Google search. So, read Consumer Health Complete to increase your understanding and improve your health!

HOW YOUR LIBRARY WORKS

In our last issue we talked about the Technical Services department—you remember, those people who scurry

around upstairs preparing materials for you. Once an item is ready to go, the next stop is the Circulation Department.

All new items are "checked in" at the circulation desk. If there is a hold on an item, the computer automatically generates a hold slip. This prompts a clerk to call or send an email to tell you that the item you requested is being held.

Circulation Clerks issue new library cards and renew those that have expired. They also check materials in and out (averaging over 355 items per hour in 2005 for the Main Library & West Branch). They answer phones, collect fines and fees, and give information about our lending policies.

Each Clerk has "off-desk" duties as well. Several work in Interlibrary Loan (ILL) sending and receiving materials that are requested by other libraries. They also search for items requested by our patrons that we do not own.

Clerks have other off-desk duties that include printing and sending overdue notices; creating purchase alerts to see if we have enough copies of items in demand; processing and shelving Federal Government documents; setting up equipment used during programs; creating informational fliers you see posted throughout the building; and processing museum passes when the Friends of the Libraries purchase them each year.

Along with Clerks, Pages are an important part of the Circulation Department. Pages are responsible for shelving items that have been returned. This is an ongoing job as roughly 36,000 items are returned per month between the Main Library and West Branch.

Like all staff members here, Circulation workers are multitaskers. They are happy to answer questions for you; however, if you need specific answers about materials please see the librarians at the reference desk.

*Next issue: the Reference Department.

LEE NATIONAL DENIM DAY

On Friday, October 6th, Library
Staff will participate in Lee
National Denim Day. This is a
single-day fundraiser for breast
cancer. For a \$5.00 donation, staff
members are allowed to wear jeans to work

that day. Donations go to breast cancer prevention services and research.

Many staff members have known or lost someone with breast cancer. For the last several years we have participated and raised almost \$500 for this important cause. It's fun and easy to participate in National Denim Day. Lee Jeans will send a kit with everything you need to organize your own event. For more information or to register call 1-800-521-5533 or visit www.denimday.com.

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READ ANY GOOD BOOKS LATELY?

Any you'd like to share with other patrons? MCL Notes wants to hear from you. To submit a recommendation, please send the title and author of the book, as well as brief description of why you recommend it (no plot spoilers!), to Amy Graves via email at agraves@manchesternh.gov, or by dropping off a hard copy at the reference desk. Please include your name and contact information (phone or email). For more information, contact Amy at the above address, or by calling 624-6550 ext. 612.

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM—



As part of the Summer Reading Program, treasure hunters took over the library's lawn in search of gold on Tuesday July 25th.

FALL STORYTIMES

Children's Room staff will be offering storytimes for children of all ages, starting in October and running through the month of November. There is no registration for these weekly programs, and you don't have to show a library card to attend!

Three, four, and five-year-olds may join in the fun of listening and looking at picture book stories on Tuesdays at 9:30 AM, starting October 3rd. Each of these weekly preschool storytimes includes a craft made at the conclusion of book sharing.

Children under three and their parents can attend a Tiny Tots activity on Wednesdays or Fridays at 9:30 AM. Sessions begin on Wednesday, October 4th and Friday, October 6th. Sharing books is an important part of this program; however, singing, dance movement, finger plays and alphabet games are included as a demonstration for parents of how to cultivate the skills young children need to get ready to read.

Saturday storytimes begin September 16th at 9:30 am. Children of all ages and their families are invited to attend. These sessions, running through the month of November, may include crafts, singing, finger plays and creative dramatics.

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Children's Book Week, a national celebration of the special world of children's books, is held in November of every year. This year the children's room will be celebrating with special story times and other activities during the week of November 13th - 19th. The Children's Book Council (www.cbcbooks.org)

established the week to promote children's books and childhood literacy. It started in 1944 and has continued to be an important celebration in school and public libraries across the country. Watch for more detailed event information in the children's room!

News from the Friends of the Manchester City Library

I am sure that the personnel and the public are enjoying the air conditioning in the library. It is quite a delightful change for all.

Remember to use the museum passes to New Hampshire sites that include The Manchester Historic Museum, Portsmouth Children's Museum, Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, The Fells, Strawberry Banke, Canterbury Shaker Village, and many more.

The latest Friends donations to the library include \$100 to each of the following:

June – New Hampshire Room Collection July – DVDs

August – Audiobooks

Please mark your calendars for the Saturday, October 14th booksale. The library has put some of its collection into the booksale to make room for more, and the public has also donated books. Come and try to find something that interests you.

Chris Zoulias
President, Friends of the Manchester City Library

FRIENDS OF MCL FALL 2006 BOOKSALE

Bargain hunters and book lovers, make sure that you mark October 14th on your calendar. The Friends of the Manchester City Library will be holding their Fall Book Sale on Saturday, October 14th in the Winchell Room at the Main Library on Pine Street.

There are three parts to the sale:

- 8:30 9:00 AM Friends' of MCL Book Sale Preview
- 9:00 AM 12:30 PM Regular Sale
- 1:00 2:30 PM Bag Sale (\$7.00 per bag)

If you become a member of the Friends of MCL, you get a first look and choice of the items on sale on October 14th. Membership forms can be found online at the library's homepage, www.manchester.lib.nh.us. (continued on page 6)

The prices of books at the regular sale are \$1.50 for Hardcover books and \$1.00 for Paperbacks. Children's books are 25 cents less than the adult prices. Also on sale are videos, LP records, art prints, large print books, and who knows what else! Check it out—you never know what you will find.

Brown paper grocery bags for the bag sale are provided by the Friends of MCL at the entrance of the sale.

The Friends of the Manchester City Library is a nonprofit

organization committed to improving the community by assisting and supporting the library. Their board meetings are held on the 1st Monday of each month, except on holidays, from 8:45 to 10:30 AM.

Proceeds from the booksale are used to assist the adult literacy program, purchase museum passes to several museums, assist in purchasing new materials for the library's collections, support educational and entertaining programs at the library, and other needs requested by the library.

If you have questions, please contact the Friends' liaison, Eileen A. Reddy, through the Reference Desk, 624-6550 ext. 319 or ereddy@manchesternh.gov.

...THE WEST SIDE

We have arrived on the first floor! All the planning and work has paid off.

Our portion of city project money for phase #1 of our overhaul provided

some destruction, construction, paint, new carpet, five new computers, and new bookcases for the main floor. Barbara, Eric and Tarra, from the City's Facilities Division, were terrific.

The Manchester City Library Foundation provided needed desks, reading chairs, furniture for the children's area, and, yes, air conditioning! The staff and volunteers went way beyond their duty.

Thanks to everyone involved! Please come by and check us out at the old King Fire House, 76 North Main Street.

One of my favorite things about the redo is the street level entrance—you no longer have to navigate our stairs to come to the library!

Susan Dufault Branch Manager

FALL PROGRAMS AT THE WEST MANCHESTER COMMUNITY LIBRARY—

Preschool Storytime

Thursdays at 9:30 AM September 14th – November 16th Children's librarian Mary Bognaski will host the fun, which will include stories, finger plays, music, and snacks. There is no registration required and parents are free to join in until their little ones are comfortable in the library storytime setting.

After-School Movies

Fridays at 3:30 PM Beginning September 15th

Get Wise! Get Carded!

Month of October Chance to win prizes when you register for (or renew) you library card.

Get Active @ Your Library Teen Read Week

October 16th – 21st

We're considering a dance-a-thon, a photo contest, or an "Unmask the Athlete/Activist" contest. What kind of programs would you like to see at your library? Check out books and win prizes, too!

"GET CREATIVE @ THE LIBRARY"

Tuesday, October 24th at 3:30 PM Teens are invited to decorate the "Scary Stairwell" for our Halloween party.

5th Annual Scary (and not so scary) Stories in the Dark Wednesday, October 25th at 6:30 PM

Stories, costumes, activities, and refreshments will make sure there is fun for all ages.



GIVE THANKS FOR CHILDREN AND BOOKS NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Wednesday, November 15th at 6:30 PM Music and family entertainment with Steve Blunt.

For more information, contact Branch Manager Susan Dufault at 624-6560.

"And even should the cloud of barbarism and despotism again obscure the science and libraries of Europe, this country remains to preserve and restore light and liberty to them." —Thomas Jefferson

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THE DARK SIDE

An Interview with our State Documents Librarian

Very few visitors to the Manchester City Library have known that the library houses a variety of interesting and hitherto unmentionable collections of materials. One such collection is the New Hampshire State Documents

Collection. This collection is often referred to as the State Depository, as opposed to the US Government Documents
Depository we mentioned in the last issue. The two collections may seem to be quite similar, but let me assure you, gentle reader, that they are not!

To get to the bottom of the

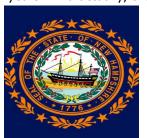
matter, newsletter staff sent in Ruth Watts, our trusty newsletter columnist, to get the scoop. This interview took place in great secrecy inside the graphics office of the library and was granted by Mary Orzechowski, the State Documents Librarian. The following is a transcript of that interview.

Ruth: Hi Mary! Thanks for granting this interview. We're wondering about the State Depository and want a chance to talk with you about it.

Mary: Thanks. I'm really happy to have a chance to talk with anyone about New Hampshire State Documents! Not many people know about them. Sometimes I think we get a little overshadowed by the United States Depository, on the other side of the mezzanine.

Ruth: How long have you been a State Documents Librarian?

Mary: I think I've been the State Documents Librarian since 1973—or maybe only ten years. You lose track of time up there in the Depository. Yes, I think it's been ten years. And actually, the Manchester City Library has been



a New Hampshire State Depository since 1973. The State Depository Library Program was established in 1973 by the New Hampshire legislature to make sure that New Hampshire citizens have access to state government information. The New Hampshire State Library receives about twenty-five copies

of publications from various state agencies and then the State Library distributes a copy to each designated depository library. There are about twenty-two libraries in New Hampshire that are State Depository Libraries.

Ruth: Can you describe some of the materials that you get for the Depository?

Mary: We get a wide variety of materials. We get New Hampshire tourist information, New Hampshire House and Senate Bills, state maps, fishing and hunting laws, the New Hampshire Driver's Manual (which is very popular), the New Hampshire Supreme Court cases, directories of

summer camps in New Hampshire, as well as a directory of farmer's markets. We get information relating to state jobs, consumer handbooks, and the Governor's operating budget. Lots of ephemera, too.

Ruth: What are some of your favorite documents?Mary: Sometimes we get sale flyers from the New Hampshire State Liquor Store or information from the New Hampshire State Lottery Commission. It's nice to see what's on sale.

Ruth: What's the strangest thing you've seen?
Mary: Well, let me tell you—sometimes there are strange sounds and a weird glow coming from the US Depository over there! (laughing nervously) No, seriously, sometimes there's information for embalming and taxidermy. That's always strange. We also get information relating to New Hampshire communicable diseases and rabies outbreaks.

Ruth: In regards to your rivalry with the US
Government Depository, why is your collection
considered "the dark side"? The other documents
lady got quite upset at the very mention of you.
Mary: Well, (shifting uncomfortably in her seat) I think
the State Depository (at least here in Manchester) is
definitely the dark side. We have a lot of what you call
"fugitive" documents and the collection is much smaller
than the U.S. Depository. I think we're much more user
friendly and we definitely aren't

boring! In fact...
Ruth: (Rapidly changing the subject) Hey, do you have anything about UFOs up there? Mary: No. We leave that for the Feds. The only thing even remotely related to space travel would be information on the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium in Concord.



Mary: Yes. The New Hampshire state documents are available for library patrons to use here in the library. They are kept in the mezzanine but the librarians at the reference desk are always happy to get the materials and help our patrons. I wish more folks knew about the collection.

Ruth: (Relieved) Well, now they will! And thanks again for your time.

The newsletter staff has been pleased to present to you this duet of humorous interviews highlighting certain special collections of the Manchester City Library. No librarians were harmed in the making of these interviews. Some names may have been changed.



COMPLETION OF THE HVAC PROJECT WAS CELEBRATED ON JUNE 8TH.





LIBRARY STAFF WERE LOCKED UP TO RAISE MONEY FOR MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY ON AUGUST 23RD.



MARCUS GALE ENTERTAINED ON JULY 27TH AS PART OF THE SUMMER FAMILY FARE SERIES.

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